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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 25-34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) ~
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 25-34 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected subcombinations, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 7/3/2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

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4. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dorenbosch et al. (US PG PUB 20040028009, hereinafter Dorenbosch) in view of Oishi (US PG PUB 20020154624, hereinafter Oishi).

Regarding claim 1, Dorenbosch teaches during a handoff process, the application on the mobile station continues to use the original gateway address as the primary SCTP address (at a level above a network level) and the gateway continues to use the original mobile address as the primary destination address (without varying the IP address of the host used by the corresponding node the mobile node moves intra-domain or inter-domain). SCTP is the transport layer protocol that is a level above network layer. Dorenbosch further teaches in Fig. 2 the mobile station B must also get the first IP address, IP A1, to be used by the gateway (identifying a host to a corresponding node, with which the mobile node communicates). Address IP A1 can be globally unique. It can even be equal to address Y1, in which case the mobile station needs to obtain only one address. The mobile station preferably obtains a private IP address, IP A1 that is local to the cellular system. In that case the gateway provides Network Address Translation between address Y1 and A1 (identifying the host to a network address translation (NAT) device at a network interface level using a routable actual IP address of the host; and mapping the actual IP address to the original gateway IP address). NAT is known and far from trivial, because numerous applications embed raw IP addresses in the data they exchange with peers. In such cases address translation involves the substitution of address values in application-specific data. This type of operation is also known. A gateway that does this type of translation is often

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called an Application Level Gateway (a rule for mapping) (See Paragraph 26 and 45, Dorenbosch).

However, Dorenbosch does not expressly teach changing the actual IP address of the host used by the NAT device and mapping the actual IP address to the virtual IP address. Oishi, in the same field of endeavor, teaches a translator makes a translation rule for associating a new care-of-address with a virtual destination IP address (changing the actual IP address of the host used by the NAT device and mapping the actual IP address to the virtual IP address) (See Fig. 28 and Paragraph 100 Oishi). It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to change the actual IP address of the host used by the NAT device with a virtual IP address in order to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

Regarding claim 2, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 1 as applied above. Dorenbosch teaches the application on the mobile station during a handoff process continues to use the original gateway address as the primary SCTP address (maintaining a transport level protocol connection while the mobile node moves between a first subnet and a second subnet) (See Paragraph 45 Dorenbosch). The gateway will further perform a transport protocol translation between SCTP and

TCP/UDP (a transport level protocol) (See Paragraph 28 Dorenbosch). However, Dorenbosch does not expressly teach using the virtual IP address. Oishi teaches as applied to claim 1 above. It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use a virtual IP address in order to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

Regarding claim 3, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 1 as applied above. Oishi teaches the message is transmitted to the Mobile IP message translation and a process by the input packet filtering process (receiving a packet from an application in the mobile node). The Mobile IP message translation and the process associates a virtual source IP address with a pair of the source IP address and the care of address, makes a translation rule for associating the virtual source IP with the source IP address, and retains it in the translation table (including the virtual IP address of the mobile node as a source address, translating the virtual IP address of the mobile node to the actual IP address of the mobile node for use as the source address). Additionally, the Mobile IP message translation and process translates the care of address described in the position registration message to and transmits it to the terminal. While the current position information is described in the payload of the packet in the IPv4 Mobile IP, it is described in the header of the packet in the IPv6 Mobile IP. (transmitting the packet with the actual IP address from the mobile node) (see FIG. 22 and Paragraph 98 Oishi). It

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would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to receive a packet from an application in the mobile node including the virtual IP address of the mobile node as a source address, translate the virtual IP address of the mobile node to the actual IP address of the mobile node for use as the source address, and to transmit the packet with the actual IP address from the mobile node because the Mobile IP message translation and process performs the format translation as well as rewriting the address and then transmits the position registration message to the terminal (See Paragraph 98 the route optimization of Oishi).

Regarding claim 4, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 3 as applied above. Dorenbosch teaches preferably the mobile station obtains a private IP address, A1, which is local to the cellular system (the actual IP address is a local private address). The gateway provides Network Address Translation between address Y1, an external address, and A1 (translating the actual IP address of the mobile node to a public IP address; and transmitting the packet with the public IP address to the corresponding node, the mobile node and the corresponding node being in different domains connected to each other by a public network) (See Fig. 1 and Paragraph 26 Dorenbosch).

Regarding claim 6, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 1 as applied above. Dorenbosch teaches a mobile station can roam from one BSS into the next BSS and connect to another AP as a part of the same Extended Services Set (the mobile node and the corresponding node belonging to different subnets within a common domain) (See Paragraph 23 Dorenbosch). However, Dorenbosch does not

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teach the transmitted packet having the virtual IP address of the mobile node and receiving an incoming packet from the corresponding node by way of the NAT device, wherein the NAT device translates a destination address of the incoming packet from the virtual IP address of the mobile node to the actual IP address of the mobile node. Oishi teaches in Fig. 24 the DNS response packet rewritten from the actual destination IP address to the virtual destination IP address s6 is transmitted to the terminal 41 via the DNS server 23 (See Paragraph 86 Oishi). Oishi further teaches the message is transmitted to the Mobile IP message translation and a process by the input packet filtering process. The Mobile IP message translation and the process associates a virtual source IP address with a pair of the source IP address and the care of address, makes a translation rule for associating the virtual source IP with the source IP address, and retains it in the translation table (See Paragraph 98 Oishi). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to transmit a packet having the virtual IP address of the mobile node and receive an incoming packet from the corresponding node by way of the NAT device, wherein the NAT device translates a destination address of the incoming packet from the virtual IP address of the mobile node to the actual IP address of the mobile node in order to exchange messages at initiating a communication so as to make a name resolving request message a clue to generating translation information, a correspondence of an IP address, etc. (See Paragraph 5 Oishi).

Regarding claim 7, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 6 as applied above. Oishi teaches in terminals T and R in Fig 27 a translation rule for

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associating with a virtual destination IP address (the transmitted packet has a destination address that is a virtual IP address of the corresponding node), and that the translator treats the virtual source IP address as an IPv6 address 16 of the translator to associate r4 with 16 when making a translation rule since a packet destined for the terminal 42 from the terminal 41 passes through the translator 12 (the packet is transmitted to the corresponding node by way of the NAT device, the method further comprising: translating the virtual IP address of the corresponding node within the packet to an actual IP address of the corresponding node in the NAT device) (See Paragraph 100 Oishi). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to transmit a packet to the corresponding node by way of the NAT device, translating the virtual IP address of the corresponding node within the packet to an actual IP address of the corresponding node in the NAT device in order to exchange messages at initiating a communication so as to make a name resolving request message a clue to generating translation information, a correspondence of an IP address, etc. (See Paragraph 5 Oishi).

Regarding claim 8, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 7 as applied above. Dorenbosch does not teach translating the source address of the transmitted packet from the actual IP address of the mobile node to the virtual IP address of the mobile node, in the NAT device. Oishi teaches in Fig 27 a DNS query from a terminal 42 is transmitted to a DNS server 22 via a DNS server 24 since the IP address corresponding to a name T of the terminal 41 is associated with a home address t6, that the translator 11 thereby makes a translation rule for associating t6 with

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a virtual destination IP address f4, and that the translator 11 treats the virtual source IP address as an IPv6 address 16 of the translator 12 to associate r4 with 16 when making a translation rule since a packet destined for the terminal 42 from the terminal 41 passes through the translator 12 (See Paragraph 100 Oishi). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to translate the source address of the transmitted packet from the actual IP address of the mobile node to the virtual IP address of the mobile node, in the NAT device in order to exchange messages at initiating a communication so as to make a name resolving request message a clue to generating translation information, a correspondence of an IP address, etc. (See Paragraph 5 Oishi).

Regarding claim 9, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 1 as applied above. Oishi teaches in Fig 17 and 18 a first translator within the first translator domain and a second translator within the second translator domain are used (using the NAT device within a first NAT domain while the mobile node communicates with a first corresponding node in a first connection initiated while the mobile node is located in the first NAT domain; and using a second NAT device within a second NAT domain as a home agent for the mobile node while the mobile node communicates with the first corresponding node or a second corresponding node in a second connection initiated while the mobile node is located in the second NAT domain). It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use the NAT device within a first NAT domain and use a second NAT device within a second NAT domain as a home agent for the mobile node while the mobile node

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communicates with the first corresponding node in order to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

Regarding claim 10, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 9 as applied above. Dorenbosch does not teach using a packet processing rule for processing traffic from the mobile node and the mobile node is in the second NAT domain, the packet processing rule being obtained from a device in the first NAT domain. Oishi teaches translating formats of IP packets mutually between IPv4 and IPv6. For example, they are used for a translation between an IPv4 address and an IPv6 address. An apparatus for performing this translation is referred to as a translator (using a packet processing rule for processing traffic from the mobile node) (See Paragraph 3 Oishi). Oishi further teaches in Fig 17 and 18 the translators 12, 13 and the translation server 23-1 is used for the translation information (the mobile node is in the second NAT domain, the packet processing rule being obtained from a device in the first NAT domain). It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use a packet processing rule for processing traffic from the mobile node and the mobile node is in the second NAT domain, and to obtain the packet processing rule from a device in the first NAT domain to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks

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due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

Regarding claim 11, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 10 as applied above. Dorenbosch does not teach when the mobile node moves from the first NAT domain to the second NAT domain, a mobility manager in the second NAT device requests and receives the packet processing rule from a mobility manager of the first NAT domain, wherein the first and second mobility managers have centralized views of users in the first and second NAT domains, respectively, and mappings between virtual IP addresses and actual IP addresses of the users currently in the first and second NAT domains, respectively Oishi teaches in Fig 17 and 18 the DNS server or translation server 23-1 have centralized views of users in the first and second translator domains. It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

Regarding claim 12, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 9 as applied above. However, Dorenbosch does not teach the first and second connections partially overlap in time, so that the first and second NAT devices act as first and second home agents for the mobile node concurrently. Oishi teaches in Fig. 3 a communication route selected if the mobile terminal 42 moves from the position q to a position r. The packet destined for the terminal 42 transmitted from the terminal 41

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reaches the terminal 42 via the translator 13. On the other hand, the packet destined for the terminal 41 transmitted from the terminal 42 is transmitted to the terminal 41 via the translator 12 and the home agent 31. It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to overlap in time for the first and second connections partially to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

Regarding claim 13, Dorenbosch and Oishi teaches the limitations of claim 12 as applied above. However, Dorenbosch does not teach the mobile node has the same virtual address for both the first and second connections. Oishi teaches in Fig. 24-45 making translation rules with virtual IP addresses (l6, l4 , m6, and m4). Fig. 27 and 28 show the virtual IP address l6 is used before and after the movement of terminal with a new care of address (the mobile node has the same virtual address for both the first and second connections). It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have the same virtual address for both the first and second connections to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

Regarding claim 16, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 12 as applied above. However, Dorenbosch does not teach translating the virtual IP address to a public IP address in the NAT device. Oishi teaches a DNS server translating from a virtual IP address to an actual IP address (translating the virtual IP address to a public IP address in the NAT device) (See Paragraph 86 Oishi). It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have translating the virtual IP address to a public IP address in the NAT device to provide a method of enabling a communication to be continued without any interruption even if one or both of terminals move if a protocol translation is necessary at a junction of both networks due to a difference between protocols of these networks accommodating one and the other terminals (See Paragraph 9 Oishi).

5. Claims 18, 19, 21, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oishi et al. (US PG PUB 20020154624) in view of Barber et al. (US PG PUB 20040076134, hereinafter Barber).

Regarding claim 18, Oishi teaches in FIG. 24 a sequence diagram in which the IPv6 mobile terminal in the foreign network originates a call, where t6 is an actual IP address and s6 is a virtual IP address (transmitting and receiving packets; and a driver that transmits packets to the network layer and receives packets from the network layer using a virtual IP address to identify the mobile node the driver transmitting packets to the network interface and receiving packets from the network interface using a routable

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actual IP address to identify the mobile node). Oishi further teaches two translators make translation rules for associating a new coa with a virtual destination IP address (permits the actual IP address to change when the mobile node moves intra-domain or inter-domain without a corresponding change in the virtual IP address) (See Fig. 28 and Paragraphs 99 and 100 Oishi). However, Oishi does not expressly teach a mobile node comprising a network layer and intermediate driver. Barber, in the same field of endeavor, teaches in Fig. 2 a mobile client is equipped with a network interface to receive and transmit data from/to other network devices. Barber teaches a link layer authentication module for linking a plurality of wireless network layers to one another is integrated with a network management module (See abstract and Paragraph 65 Barber). It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have a mobile node comprising a network layer and intermediate driver in order to associate both and provide a variety of useful wireless network services (See Abstract Barber).

Regarding claim 19, Oishi and Barber teach the limitations of claim 18 as applied above. Oishi teaches the packet formats shown in FIGS. 49, 50, and 51. The terminal 41 transmits the packet to the terminal 42. This packet is received by the translator 13 and then transmitted to the data packet translation and process 104 shown in FIG. 19. The data packet translation and process 104 searches the translation table 101 for the virtual destination IP address s6 as a search key (the intermediate driver includes means for changing a source IP address of packets transmitted by the mobile node

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from the virtual address to the actual address) (See Fig. 49, 50, 51 and Paragraph 93 Oishi).

Regarding claim 21, Oishi and Barber teach the limitations of claim 18 as applied above. Oishi teaches in Fig 27 a DNS query from a terminal 42 is transmitted to a DNS server 22 via a DNS server 24 since the IP address corresponding to a name T of the terminal 41 is associated with a home address t6, that the translator 11 thereby makes a translation rule for associating t6 with a virtual destination IP address f4, and that the translator 11 treats the virtual source IP address as an IPv6 address 16 of the translator 12 to associate r4 with 16 when making a translation rule since a packet destined for the terminal 42 from the terminal 41 passes through the translator 12 (changing a destination IP address of packets received by the mobile node from the actual address to the virtual address) (See Paragraph 100 Oishi).

Regarding claim 24, Oishi and Barber teach the limitations of claim 18 as applied above. Oishi teaches a mobile IP client that transmits and receives packets as applied to claim 18 above. However, Oishi does not expressly teach the network layer, the intermediate driver and the network interface. Barber, in the same field of endeavor, teaches in Fig. 2 a mobile client is equipped with a network interface to receive and transmit data from/to other network devices. Barber teaches a link layer authentication module for linking a plurality of wireless network layers to one another is integrated with a network management module (See abstract and Paragraph 65 Barber). It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have a mobile node comprising a network layer and intermediate driver in order

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to associate both and provide a variety of useful wireless network services (See Abstract Barber).

6. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dorenbosch (US PG PUB 20040028009) and modified by Oishi (US PG PUB 20020154624) as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Leung (US Patent 6487605, hereinafter Leung).

Regarding claim 5, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 1 as applied above. Dorenbosch teaches packet data communication from one IP connection to another (receiving an incoming packet) (See Paragraph 12 Dorenbosch). One of the common element to switch between any two IP transport media is to route traffic through an Application Level Gateway that translates (from the corresponding node in the NAT device) between SCTP and TCP/UDP. Dorenbosch further teaches the gateway provides Network Address Translation between address Y1 and A1 where Y1 is an external IP address and A1 is a private IP address (the incoming packet having the public IP address as a destination; a first translating step of translating the public IP address to the actual IP address of the mobile node, the first translating step being performed in the NAT device) (See Paragraph 26 and 36 Dorenbosch). However, Dorenbosch and Oishi do not expressly teach a second translating step of translating the actual IP address of the mobile node to the virtual IP address of the mobile node, the second translating step being performed in the mobile node. Inoue, in the field of same endeavor, teaches the Address Mapping Table information of a mobile host

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indicating a correspondence between a virtual IP address and an actual IP address of a mobile host is transferred according to the need so that an information for routing up to the mobile host is sequentially updated (See Fig. 12 and Col. 14 Lines 29-38 Inoue). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to translate the actual IP address of the mobile node to the virtual IP address of the mobile node and the step being performed in the mobile node in order to be capable of realizing flexible address control and management for the mobile computer (See Abstract Inoue).

7. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dorenbosch (US PG PUB 20040028009) and modified by Oishi (US PG PUB 20020154624) as applied to claim 12 above, and further in view of Rezaiifar (US PG PUB 20040085931, hereinafter Rezaiifar).

Regarding claim 14, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 12 as applied above. Oishi teaches in Fig. 27, 28, and 29 the virtual IP address I6 is used before and after the movement of terminal with the new coa q6 with a route optimization. The translation rule has rules for I6 (a first virtual address) and q6(a second virtual address) in Fig 29 (continuing to use the first virtual address for connections initiated by the mobile node using the first virtual address, the continuing use of the first virtual address being concurrent with use of the second virtual address for connections initiated after the second virtual address is assigned to the mobile node). However, Dorenbosch and Oishi do not expressly teach an additional node in the

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second NAT domain has the same virtual address as the mobile node and assigning a second virtual address to the mobile node for connections initiated after the mobile node moves to the second domain. Rezaiifar, in the same field of endeavor, teaches the PDSNs in a mixed network are modified to prevent having the same IP address assigned to two different R-P sessions. Any time the FA assigns an IP address to an IMSI, the FA purges its tables of any other entries bearing the same IP address, regardless of the value of the IMSI. Only one R-P session per IP address is allowed within an FA of a PDSN (See Paragraph 63 and 64 Rezaiifar). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to assign a second virtual address to the mobile node for connections initiated after the mobile node moves to the second domain when an additional node in the second NAT domain has the same virtual address as the mobile node otherwise it would be unable to unambiguously route the packet to a RAN (See Paragraph 63 Rezaiifar).

8. Claims 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dorenbosch (US PG PUB 20040028009) and modified by Oishi (US PG PUB 20020154624) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Su (US PG PUB 20030172142, hereinafter Su).

Regarding claim 15, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 1 as applied above. Oishi teaches a DNS server translating from a virtual IP address to an actual IP address. However, Dorenbosch and Oishi do not expressly teach assigning the virtual and actual IP addresses using Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol. Su, in

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the same field of endeavor, teaches setting up the DHCP server, a step is firstly to install a WINDOWS server in a computer having NIC in three pieces, in which the first piece is an Ethernet card having a legal IP; the second piece is also an Ethernet card having a virtual IP address; and the third piece is a wireless-LAN card having a virtual IP address (See Paragraph 33 Su). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to assigning the virtual and actual IP addresses using Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol because the IP address of every subscriber computer is set obtainable automatically, therefore the DNS could be set on the DNS server provided by an ISP (See Paragraph 36 Su).

Regarding claim 17, Dorenbosch and Oishi teach the limitations of claim 1 as applied above. However, Dorenbosch and Oishi do not expressly teach dividing an available range of private IP addresses into a first range to be used for actual IP addresses and a second range to be used for virtual IP addresses. Su teaches setting up a DHCP server for splitting individual private IP address such that a plurality of IP addresses is provided to the respective Ethernet and wireless-LAN, and a dynamic IP address (virtual IP addresses) is assigned to every subscriber end (See Paragraph 24 Su). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to divide an available range of private IP addresses into a first range to be used for actual IP addresses and a second range to be used for virtual IP addresses because the dynamic IP address is set obtainable automatically (See Paragraph 24 Su).

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9. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oishi (US PG PUB 20020154624) modified by Barber (US PG PUB 20040076134) as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Gillies et al. (US PG PUB 20030212821, hereinafter Gillies).

Regarding claim 20, Oishi and Barber teach the limitations of claim 18 as applied above. However, Oishi does not expressly teach encapsulating packets transmitted by the mobile node. Gillies, in the same field of endeavor, teaches an example encapsulated communication packet and the set of hierarchical communication packets includes a MAC layer message frame, an attribute routing system message frame, an IP layer message frame, and a TCP layer message frame (See Fig. 4 and Paragraph 72 Gillies). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to encapsulate packets transmitted by the mobile node in order to preferably allow for the message frame to be validated and verified as delivered intact, as is well understood in the art (See Paragraph 73 Gillies).

10. Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oishi (US PG PUB 20020154624) modified by Barber (US PG PUB 20040076134) as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Su (US PG PUB 20030172142, hereinafter Su).

Regarding claim 22, Oishi and Barber teach the limitations of claim 18 as applied above. Oishi teaches in Fig. 24 a sequence diagram in which the IPv6 mobile terminal in the foreign network originates a call. S6 is a virtual IP address and t6 is an

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actual IP address (requesting and receiving from a server the virtual IP address and the actual IP address upon startup of the mobile node)(See Fig. 24 Oishi). However, Oishi does not expressly teach dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP). Su, in the same field of endeavor, teaches setting up the DHCP server, a step is firstly to install a WINDOWS server in a computer having NIC in three pieces, in which the first piece is an Ethernet card having a legal IP; the second piece is also an Ethernet card having a virtual IP address; and the third piece is a wireless-LAN card having a virtual IP address (See Paragraph 33 Su). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to assigning the virtual and actual IP addresses using Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol because the IP address of every subscriber computer is set obtainable automatically, therefore the DNS could be set on the DNS server provided by an ISP (See Paragraph 36 Su).

Regarding claim 23, Oishi, Barber, and Su teach the limitations for claim 22 as applied above. Oishi teaches in Fig. 25 new coa q6 is associated with the virtual IP address S6 after the movement of terminal T (transmitting the virtual IP address a server when the mobile node moves to the second subnet, to allow a new actual IP address to be associated with the virtual IP address) (See Fig. 25 Oishi). However, Oishi does not expressly teach dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP). Su, in the same field of endeavor, teaches setting up the DHCP server, a step is firstly to install a WINDOWS server in a computer having NIC in three pieces, in which the first piece is an Ethernet card having a legal IP; the second piece is also an Ethernet card having a virtual IP address; and the third piece is a wireless-LAN card having a virtual IP address

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(See Paragraph 33 Su). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to assigning the virtual and actual IP addresses using Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol because the IP address of every subscriber computer is set obtainable automatically, therefore the DNS could be set on the DNS server provided by an ISP (See Paragraph 36 Su).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eunsook Choi whose telephone number is 571-270-1822. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-5:00 EST.

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